

**REMARKS**

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed April 24, 2007. Claims 39-52 are pending in the subject application. Claims 39-49 are allowed. Claims 50-52 have been amended. Reconsideration of Claims 50-52 in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

**Examiner Interview**

Applicant thanks the Examiner for his time on July 2, 2007 to discuss the proposed claim amendments.

**Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 101**

The Office Action rejected claims 50-52 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. The Office Action stated that Claims 50-52 are not limited to tangible embodiments.

Applicants have amended claims 50-52 to limit the claims to tangible embodiments. Specifically, claims 50-52 are amended to change "a computer program product" to "a computer-readable storage medium."

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 50-52 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 is respectfully requested.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

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If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 206-467-9600.

Respectfully submitted,

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